

# MONTEREY COUNTY

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Aaron Swartz  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 66984  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

**Re:** Your Public Records Request Dated January 5, 2019

Dear Aaron Swartz:

This letter responds to your above-referenced Public Records Request made online to the Sheriff's Office on January 5, 2019.

### **Request:**

Number, if any, of Facial Recognition software or Facial Recognition-enabled equipment in place with this department or agency. Please specify if software has been purchased or if services are performed by outside contractors for the department or agency. Please include pilot or testing programs within the scope of this request

Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of Facial Recognition software packages, Facial Recognition-enabled equipment or service agreements.

Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of Facial Recognition software or Facial Recognition-enabled equipment, including protocols, training documents, data storage procedures and prohibited activities.

Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of Facial Recognition software or Facial Recognition-enabled equipment.

### **Response:**

After a review, the County has not identified records responsive to your Request(s). Every effort has been made to provide all disclosable records which might fall within the scope of your inquiry. As such, we believe our reply is quite thorough. However, if you have knowledge of a

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specific document which has not been provided in response to your inquiry, please notify us and we will be happy to provide the document(s) to you unless, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 6254.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN T. BERNAL  
Sheriff-Coroner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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